



Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission

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Sally Macaulay, Vice Chair
David Shock, Secretary
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Art and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes

June 19 th , 2014	6:30 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
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Nicolas Palfrey, Chair of the Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission, called the meeting of the City of Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission to order at 6:32 p.m. in the city council chambers, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, Georgia. Palfrey designated Sally Macaulay as Chair for the purpose of running the June 19th meeting.

Commission members present: Nicolas Palfrey, Sally Macaulay, David Shock, Valerie Dibble (arrived at 6:55 pm), and Matt Matthews. Four members are needed to establish a quorum.

Commission members absent: John Hillier and Ken Dalton.

City representatives and Guests in attendance: Debra Williams (city council member), Jim Sebastian (city council member), Darryl Simmons (Planning and Zoning Administrator), and Mary Whitlock (citizen).

Note regarding April & May 2014 meetings: Ken Dalton, David Shock, and Nic Palfrey were present for the scheduled May 15th meeting. However, a quorum of members (4) was not present, so no business was conducted. The April 2014 meeting was canceled.

Adoption of March 20th, 2014 minutes: Palfrey moved, Matthews seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion of location opportunity and mapping of city areas: Commission members discussed possible future exhibitions, displays, and mapping projects. The following items were discussed (with action items noted):

1. Possible art exhibitions at the Carrie House and Smith Gilbert Gardens: Commission members discussed using the Carrie House and the Smith Gilbert Gardens for a future exhibition of art. Palfrey has measured the size of the rooms at the Carrie House (distributed to members via email). It was noted that insurance and lack of easels to display are issues that need to be addressed. The family of city attorney Randall Bentley owns a

large art collection. It was suggested that the Commission invite Mr. Bentley to a future Commission meeting to discuss display possibilities. Palfrey noted that a “call for proposals” should be put up on the Commission Facebook page. Commission members noted that the most important immediate activities for an exhibition are to (1) identify artists and (2) location(s) for possible exhibition. It was noted that the Carrie House contains four rooms for possible display of art on easels.

2. July 19th 2014 Marietta-Cobb Art Museum exhibition: Sally Macauley invited the members of the Commission to attend the July 19th “Metro Montage” event running from 6-8 pm. Commission members desiring to attend should send Sally an email.

3. Idea for “wet art” activity: Sally Macauley explained the “Plain Art Paintout” conducted by the Marietta Cobb Art Museum. The activity involves displaying and selling “just painted” art. It might be possible for Kennesaw to do something similar in the fall or other mild temperature time of year at the community center or Carrie House.

4. Immediate actions:

-Sally Macauley will check on prices for easels for displaying art (the easels are needed since art probably cannot be nailed to a wall and displayed) and send the information to Nic and Darryl.

-Darryl Simmons will work on a budget request to the Council to assist the Commission in conducting some of its activities.

-The Commission will work on a date for a future display, possibly at the fall Oktoberfest event in Kennesaw or some other event after summer.

Facebook page update: David Shock noted that images have been added to the page and several posts have been made. A total of 205 people and organizations (as of 6-19-2014) have “liked” the Commission page. Palfrey supported using the Facebook page for posting a “call for proposals” to all artists to identify artists interested in participating in future exhibitions/displays in the city. Shock asked Commission members to send him content for posting to the page.

Public comments:

-City council members Debra Williams and Jim Sebastian urged the Commission to assign activities to individuals and come up with dates for events later in the year as soon as possible. Debra Williams expressed support for an art-related activity during Oktoberfest in the fall. She noted that the Commission should work on getting sponsors (local businesses, etc.) for the displays of art.

-Mary Whitlock supported the idea of having a local artist attend a city council meeting.

-Darryl Simmons noted that he will reach out to a representative of the Georgia Council of the Arts to attend a future Commission meeting to highlight ways to promote the arts in the City. In addition, Simmons discussed the City of Suwanee’s activities promoting art, including the purchase of art and art exhibitions. Simmons will scan and send out more details regarding the Georgia Council of the Arts and the City of Suwanee.

Adjournment: Matthews moved, Palfrey seconded, to adjourn the meeting of the Art and Culture Commission at 7:22 pm. Motion carried 5-0. The next meeting of the Commission will be on July 17, 2014, at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

David Shock, Secretary

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